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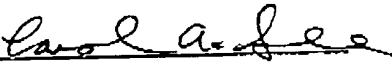
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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of )  
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Serial No.: 09/462,846 ) Examiner: David Steadman  
Filed: January 13, 2000 )  
For: Gram-Positive Microorganisms )  
with Inactivated Cysteine Protease-1)

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
MAILED JULY 30, 2002 AND  
ADVISORY ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 17, 2002

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Sir:

This communication is in response to the Final Office Action mailed July 30, 2002, and the Advisory Action mailed October 17, 2002, in the above-identified patent application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

A clean version of the rewritten, added, and/or cancelled claims with instructions for entry pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121 (c)(1)(i) is included beginning on page 2 of this communication. Rewritten, added, and/or cancelled claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121 (c)(1)(ii) is attached as Appendix I. A clean version of the entire set of pending claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121 (c)(3) as they would appear following entry of this amendment is attached as Appendix II.

GC381 RCE Amendment

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